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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated March 10, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated August 16, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendment to the Claims begins on page 2 of this response.

Support for the Amendment begins on page 7 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this response.